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For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EVALUATING CHANGE IN GEL STATE OR  
SOL-GEL STATE OF MATERIAL BODY**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.